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Connecting EPA's Emerging Leaders!

HAPPY OCTOBER!

STAY TUNED...

ELN Retreat, Sunday November 2, Washington, DC

ELN Link, sent bi-weekly, includes Crew announcements, reminders of ELN events and announcements for other relevant EPA and DC area events, activities and professional development opportunities that may be of interest to ELNers. If you know of an event that you think ELNers would like to know about, please send an email to Gillian Backus (backus.gillian@epa.gov) or Noha Gaber (gaber.noha@epa.gov).

Inclusion of an event doesn't necessarily signify endorsement by ELN or ELN members. You are encouraged to get your management's approval to attend outside events during work hours. In many cases, they can be considered as "continuous learning".

Do you know something about solar, water, wind, urban development, climate change, ecology, toxicology, legal issues surrounding environmental policy, oceans, wildlife, economics and environment etc?

Political action events, protests, and rallies will not be posted here. The posted events serve for information and educational purposes only.

Hints: Follow live links for further information

ELNers are encouraged to follow weblinks to identify other (non-environmental or activist events) available at a particular venue. For example, organizations and think tanks often have interesting lunch seminar series (and offer free lunch!), but only environmental topics will be highlighted in the ELN link.

Remember to click on the heading to see a more thorough description of the event, and learn about logistics. To print, expand any section you wish to appear on your printout before pressing the "Print" key.

Feedback is always welcome!!! backus.gillian@epa.gov or gaber.noha@epa.gov

The next issue will be sent out November 6, 2008.

General Information: Check out Volunteer Opportunities in DC

Sierra Club: <http://www.dc.sierraclub.org/outings.asp>

Habitat for Humanity: <http://www.habitat.org/cd/local/>

City Year (good opportunities for MLK Day) <http://www.cityyear.org/localcontent.aspx?id=2069>

Higher Achievement, tutoring program
http://higherachievement.org/?section_id=24&content_id=81§ion_group_id=14
Salvation Army http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss/www_uss_natcaparea.nsf
Food and Friends <http://www.foodandfriends.org/site/pp.asp?c=ggLMIYOGKrF&b=1851033>
So Others Might Eat (SOME) <http://www.some.org/>
SOME Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day! http://www.some.org/inv_eve_trot.html

Explore Tips for a Green Fall on EPA's Web site:

<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/hi-fall.htm>

ELN News and Events

ELN membership now exceeds 500 members from across EPA's offices! Welcome to all the new ELN members!

Your ideas make ELN work!

Here's how to take a more active and proactive role in ELN:
Provide feedback: what's valuable for you? what's not? any ideas for improvement?
Let others know about ELN
Actively participate in ELN events
Join the ELN Crews to brainstorm and plan for ELN activities

If you're interested in joining one or more of the ELN crews, please contact one of the following folks:

Core Crew: Noha Gaber, Scott Fraser
Treasurer: Patrick Yellin
Professional Development Crew: Richard Callan, Gilbert Castellanos
Social Activities Crew: Robert Courtnage
Community Service Crew: Anna Stark, Paula Zampieri
Orientation Crew: Emma Zinsmeister
Communications Crew: Gillian Backus (Newsletter), Scott Fraser (Portal), Noha Gaber (General marketing)

Important Message about RSVPing for ELN Events:

If announcement is sent out as a calendar scheduler, please RSVP by "accepting" the meeting invite.
If the announcement is sent out as an email, please RSVP by sending an email to eeIn@epa.gov, unless otherwise indicated. Please do not send an email to "EPA Emerging Leaders Network" as that is the email distribution list and any email that is sent to it is sent out to all of the 490+ ELN members. We want to reduce unnecessary emails, so please be careful.
If you RSVP for an event, please make sure that you attend or that you let us know if your plans change and you will not be able to attend.

Join ELN on LinkedIn!

Just click on this link: <http://www.linkedin.com/e/gjs/807847>

EnvironMentors

If you missed the Brown Bag hosted by EnvironMentors to learn about the amazing and rewarding experience being a mentor, there is still opportunity! Simply contact EnvironMentors at www.environmentors.org
Contact: Jacklyn Shafir at jshaif@ncseonline.org, 202-530-5810 ext 236

Or Contact EPA Community Service Crew Leads: Anna Stark and Paula Zampieri

Calling all volunteers for the upcoming DC Green Festival, November 7-9, 2008!

Come join the ELN Community Service Crew and be part of the volunteer team at the Washington DC Green Festival™, a joint project of Global Exchange and Co-op America. The Green Festival™ is a walk through of a sustainable community. Individuals along with business and community leaders come together to discuss critical issues that impact us at home and abroad. Organizations and businesses showcase programs and products that restore the planet and all that inhabit it. The Green Festival is an annual event that is always a big hit, a lot of fun to get involved with, and there is always a need for volunteers.

Volunteer for at least one 4.5 hour shift and you'll receive...

Free admission each day, even if you only work one day (or help before the event)

Free, limited edition, organic and sweatshop-free Green Festival™ T-shirt

10% discount coupon for the Global Exchange Store, and optional free one-year Co-op America and/or Global Exchange membership (new members only)

If you are interested please register to volunteer at - <http://www.greenfestivalvolunteers.org/dc/>

A. ELN White Paper on Vision for EPA in 2014

B. Coming-up:

Green buildings movie and roundtable discussion

EPA and China

Mentoring Event

Administration Transition

Contact: Rich Callan, Noha Gaber, Lauren Spath

1. Where is the GREENEST place to go to school in DC? Sidwell Friends Middle School!

A small group of ELNers went on an exclusive tour of one of the coolest middle schools around, and certainly one of the greenest on Tuesday, October 21. Missed the tour? Take it on-line by visiting the following very cool interactive web site:

http://www.sidwell.edu/green_tour/

2. Afterwards, the social crew enjoyed a Happy Hour and dinner at Cactus Cantina

3. The leaves are awfully pretty now....anyone want to lead a hike????

Contact: Robert Courtnage and Patrick Yellin.

Get Your Spike On!

Have you heard about the EPA Volleyball League?

Here's the scoop:

The League will start at the beginning of October

Games will be played at Amidon Elementary in Southwest, DC (Waterfront Metro Stop) on Tuesday and

Wednesday nights.
Cost: \$15 per team
Interested players should contact Steve Schaible or Mike Burns
To join the ELN Volleyball Team, contact: Robert Courtnage.

Happy Hour anyone?

Other Ideas...

If you love these ideas and want to participate, please consider volunteering to organize one. It's best to spread around the facilitation work among members, and it doesn't have to be onerous!

Just pick a date and time, and place to meet. We'll help you market it!

bowling (need a coordinator)

wine tasting (need an organizer)

Baltimore Aquarium trip (need an organizer)

Fall hike for Foliage Peeping (need an organizer)

and of course, our FABULOUS Ski Trip in the winter!

Have an idea for an event and want to help plan one?? Contact: Robert Courtnage and Patrick Yellin

ELN Communications Crew: Portal Update and New Directions....

Scott Fraser is sorry to report that the ELN Portal, despite lots of hard work and effort, has not been successfully launched. He is now investigating other interactive Web options to help link ELNers.

Anyone got any ideas? We are thinking of using NING (web site) to generate a small private group....

Contact: Scott Fraser

General EPA Announcements (Non-ELN)

Tune into EPA's TV network for key issues pertinent to EPA employees...November programs...

Several months ago (August 2008) ELN hosted a brainstorming discussion on "Providing Input to EPA's Presidential Transition Information". Based on all the great feedback ELN members provided on what you want to know about the transition, Deputy Administrator Marcus Peacock and three senior members of EPA's transition team are ready to fill you on the Agency's transition plans and how transition will impact you.

An archived version of the "Transition 2008-2009" IP-TV broadcast , originally broadcasted at 3:00 p.m. Eastern time on Monday, October 20 will be available from your desktop computer beginning October 27, 2008.

November 10, 2008: Emergency Response

Have you ever wondered if the EPA is adequately prepared to respond to the next emergency? Here's your chance to find out the status of emergency response preparedness at EPA. Deputy Administrator Marcus Peacock will meet with OSWER Assistant Administrator Susan Bodine and other senior managers at 3 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, November 10th for a live, internal broadcast on EPA Emergency Response on IP-TV. They will discuss where the Agency is on its emergency response preparedness, how we got here, where we are going in the future, and what role EPA employees play through the Response Support Corps (RSC).

November 14, 2008: Hypoxia

Want to know what the EPA is doing to improve the hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico? Tune into IP-TV at 1 p.m. Eastern Time on November 14th to get an update on the progress EPA has made in addressing hypoxia and watch as senior leaders discuss the next steps the Agency can take. Deputy Administrator Marcus Peacock will meet with OW Assistant Administrator Benjamin Grumbles and other senior leaders to discuss the Agency progress towards meeting the interagency 2015 goals of reducing the hypoxic zone, restoring and protecting waters and improving the communities and economic conditions throughout the Mississippi River Basin.

For more information on "Transition 2008-2009" IP-TV broadcast visit the Continuous Learning Center.

US EPA NEWS RELEASE: Autumn Alchemy, Converting Red and Gold into Green

Contact (news media only): Dale Kemery, (202) 564-4355 / kemery.dale@epa.gov

(Washington, D.C. - Oct. 21, 2008) With frost tickling the pumpkin patch and red-and-gold leaves carpeting the land, there's no question what time of year it is. Fall heralds the start of cooler weather, making it prime time to hunker down and assess your environmental footprint.

You can learn and have fun while making a difference in the quality of the environment in your community, participate in competitions, and more. Here are some cool things to do inside and outside of the classroom.

Driving and Commuting

Do you need a new vehicle to take the kids to school? Fuel economy ratings for new model-year cars are available in October. You have a choice to buy a vehicle that's cleaner and more fuel efficient. Learn more by visiting EPA's Green Vehicle Guide to find the cleanest, most fuel efficient vehicle that meets your needs. Check additional, detailed information about fuel economy at EPA and Department of Energy's jointly run Web site at: <http://www.fueleconomy.gov>

School = Kids + Buses

Have you noticed all those school buses lined up in front of school with the engines running? Do your kids and the environment a favor and ask school officials to adopt a no-idling policy. Idling school buses waste fuel and pollute the air. Children are especially sensitive to diesel exhaust, which causes respiratory problems and worsens allergies and asthma. Learn more about clean school buses at: <http://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/index.htm>

Healthy School Environments

More than 53 million children and almost 3 million adults spend a significant portion of their days in approximately 112,000 public and private school buildings, many of which are old and inadequately maintained, and which often contain environmental conditions that inhibit learning and pose increased risks to the health of children and staff. EPA's Healthy School Environments will help facility managers, school administrators, architects, design engineers, school nurses, parents, and teachers find the resources they need to address environmental health issues in schools. Read about healthy schools at: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/schools/index.cfm>

For many other environmental and conservation tips, explore Tips for a Green Fall on EPA's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/hi-fall.htm>

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Note: If a link above doesn't work, please copy and paste the URL into a browser.

October 28-30, 2008: Train-the-Trainer Workshop Opportunity: Working Together: An Introduction to Collaborative Decision Making
When: October 28-30, 2008
Where: Room 2138 - Ariel Rios South Building

Collaborative Problem Solving and Decision Making is the process of convening others, including stakeholders, to craft workable solutions to specific environmental problems that no single party could solve on its own. This has proven to be a valuable tool throughout EPA's history. To fulfill our obligation to serve the public, we must all work collaboratively with each other, partners, and stakeholders.

Pat Bonner, National Center for Environmental Innovation (NCEI) Staff is leading the effort to conduct a Train-the-Trainer workshop to certify individuals to deliver Working Together: An Introduction to Collaborative Decision Making [8-hour workshop]. The next "Working Together" collaboration workshop Train-the-Trainer event will occur for 2.5 days, October 28-30 in Ariel Rios South at Federal Triangle. The application form as well as a flyer outlining the content of Working Together are available at <http://intranet.epa.gov/collaborations/training/trainthetrainer.htm>. Completed application forms are due to Patricia Bonner by August 31, 2008 [but will be accepted until the day after Labor Day, September 2]. Pat's number is 202-566-2204. Email: Patricia.Bonner@EPA.US This Certification Workshop is approved as official EPA training, so the only travel costs are actual fares; all else can be charged to training.

A nine-member panel will again review all applications and select no more than thirty individuals for certification. By mid-September, all who apply will know if they have [or have not] been selected. With the invitation to attend will be an agenda for the 2.5 days.

The first day will be Doug Sarno [The Perspectives Group]—assisted by several of the May-certified trainers -- facilitating the workshop and all the trainers experiencing it. The rest of the time will be spent doing practices and discussing how each of the new trainers plans to use or modify the five modules so they will work well within their organizations. All participants will receive the Student Workbook and Facilitators Guide files in electronic form so they can tailor the material to fit the needs of their organizations.

EPA's Collaborative Problem Solving@EPA webpage - this serves as EPA's intranet resource center for Collaborative Problem Solving: <http://intranet.epa.gov/collaborations/index.htm>

If you would like to see the training materials, find them @ <http://intranet.epa.gov/collaborations/training/materials.htm>. For more information, call Patricia Bonner at [202-566-2204] or e-mail her. You can get a taste of what the training is like by attending one or more of the Brown Bag Collaboration Series offered between January 25 and October 8. See <http://intranet.epa.gov/collaborations/training/workingtogether.htm> for details.

OPEI Invites You to VOLUNTEER at Food & Friends, Washington DC

OPEI is organizing (and looking for additional volunteers) a monthly visit to the non-profit Food & Friends in Washington. We volunteer the fourth Wednesday of every month. Upcoming dates for sign-up are: 10/22/08, 11/26/08, (Skip December since it is on 12/24/08), 1/28/2009. More details summarized in message below:

Food and Friends is the only nonprofit serving freshly prepared, nutritious meals and groceries to people living with HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other life challenging illnesses.

Food & Friends is located at 219 Riggs Road, NE Washington, DC (near the intersection of Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue, NE). The facility is very accessible by Metro via the Fort Totten station.

Parking is available on site, as well. Learn more here: <http://www.foodandfriends.org/>

We volunteer to assist in the kitchen or pantry. That means we either prepare or package meals. The kitchen staff tells us our specific assignments each time that we arrive.

We hope to develop a roster of 20+ OPEI and other EPA volunteers for a consistent monthly volunteer schedule. Then, we'll set up a rotating schedule, taking into account vacations, etc. Ask your supervisor to ensure that you can arrive at Food and Friends promptly at 5:30pm.

If you'd rather not join our EPA Team but want to help out Food & Friends, you can make a donation or volunteer in another way. Donation info is here:
<http://www.foodandfriends.org/site/pp.asp?c=ggLMIYOGKrF&b=1851039>

You can donate to Food & Friends via the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC); CFC code is #52114.

Contact: Tracey Westfield (202-564-5586; westfield.tracey@epa.gov) or Caryn Muellerleile (202-564-2855; muellerleile.caryn@epa.gov) in OPEI and tell us:
If you can join us in 2008 on 8/27, 9/24, 10/22 from 5:30 - 8:00.
If you'd prefer to drive or Metro to the facility.
If you'd like to volunteer in future months.

Fellow EPAers remind you: The DC Environmental Film Festival is coming in March 2009!

Fellow EPAer Art Donner asked us to: please share this information with co-workers, family and friends.

The DC Environmental Film Festival is planned for March 11-22, 2009

<http://intranet.epa.gov/pesticides/events/2009%20DC%20EFF%20Program%20Summary.pdf>

For more details, after they are posted on the DC Environmental Film Festival website, please visit:

<http://www.dcenvironmentalfilmfest.org>

Non-EPA Non-ELN Announcements

Announcing: SCIENCE DEBATE 2008! How do the Presidential candidates answer questions about science?

Find out how both Senator Obama and Senator McCain answer questions on science education, climate change, water, pandemics and human health, scientific integrity, and research...to name a few.

Explore the following web site: <http://www.sciencedebate2008.com/www/index.php>

Sponsored by: AAAS, NAS, Sigma Xi, and over 175 American Universities

Announcing GovLoop.com - The NEW Social Network Connecting the Government Community

GovLoop is the social network developed by and for the government community. This site is the true "Facebook for Feds" and provides a great way for the government community (gov't employees, students, and contractors) to connect and collaborate with existing and potential colleagues. The network is a great

resource whether you are looking to network with peers, get career advice, find new opportunities, or discover great career events; an absolute must for today's gov't leaders.

Join now to:

- * Network with Other Gov't Colleagues
- * Read Blogs with Tips from Peers
- * Ask and Answer Questions in the Forums
- * Find and Add Events to Calendar
- * Create and Join Interest Groups
- * Discover New Opportunities and Career Resources

Please click the link, fill out a quick profile, and join the conversation:

<http://www.govloop.com/?xgi=1tZP6ZF>

TONIGHT!!! October 23, EVENING: Happy New Fiscal Year Event with Young Government Leaders

Thu, Oct 23, 6pm – 9pm

1215 Connecticut Ave. NW Washington, DC Dupont Circle ([map](#))

After the success of last year's event, there's already a buzz growing for our 3rd Annual Fiscal New Years Party. Come out to mix with your peers in Industry and Government! Hosted by YAFCEA Bethesda w/ Special Guests, Young Government Leaders – YGL

Cost: \$25/person, cash only, to be paid at door **Cost provides access to a private area with seating and includes appetizers and an open bar from 6:30 - 8:30pm

<http://www.aaas.org/spp/wspa>

AAAS Headquarters, 1200 New York Ave., NW Washington, DC

"Science Serving Human Rights: Making It Happen"

Thursday, October 23, 2008, 3:00 - 5:30 pm (Refreshments to follow)

AAAS Auditorium, 1200 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

To RSVP and for more information, go to the event web site:

http://shr.aaas.org/scisocs/events/Science_Serving_Human_Rights_Oct_23_2008.html

In advance of the January 2009 launch of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition, SHRP, WSS, and CASPA invite you to the first event of the Coalition's "Service to the Human Rights Community" working group.

The event will highlight the value of science and scientific expertise for human rights work by featuring three teams of scientists and human rights practitioners who have worked together on projects that yielded important outcomes and lessons.

Join us for a conversation with a geographer, a forensic pathologist, a social scientist, and three human rights practitioners with whom they partnered. The teams will be interviewed about how they found each other, their experience of working together, their preconceptions, and what they accomplished together.

"On-call" Scientists

On this occasion, the AAAS Science and Human Rights Program will unveil a new project and web-based tool to facilitate partnerships between human rights organizations requiring scientific expertise, and scientists prepared, on a pro bono basis, to respond.

Monday, October 27, 2008 Science and Society: Global Challenges Discussion Series

Monday, October 27, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

AAAS Auditorium at 1200 New York Avenue. A reception will start at 5:00 pm.

Sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Georgetown University Program on Science in the Public Interest and the Smithsonian's Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation.

We Invite You to a Discussion Series
Science & Society: Global Challenges
No powerpoint. No notes.

Just candid conversations with leading scientists, economists, and politicians hosted by award-winning NPR reporters Richard Harris, David Kestenbaum, and Joe Palca.
Please note that you must RSVP for each discussion separately.

October 27th: Solving the Malaria Epidemic
Experts: Steven Phillips, Medical Director, ExxonMobil; Ripley Ballou, Deputy Director, Infectious Diseases, Gates Foundation; and Paul Roepe, Department of Chemistry, Georgetown University
Host: Richard Harris
Please RSVP online at <http://cstsp.aaas.org/content.html?contentid=1773>

Tuesday, October 28 and several dates in November: American University's Center for Environmental Filmmaking Fall Film Series!

AU's Center for Environmental Filmmaking
and Filmmakers for Conservation
Present:

The 4th Annual Fall Film Series

Hosted by Chris Palmer and Justine Schmidt

All shows are held in the Wechsler Theater at 7pm on Tuesdays

3rd Floor, Mary Graydon Center, American University

4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016-8017

Admission is FREE!

Open to the Public!

1. Getting Your Dream Job (Ten Years Before it Seems Possible)

Bridget Whalen, National Geographic Channel

Tuesday, October 28

Don't know where to start on your career on TV and film? Bridget Whalen talks about how to get your first job, mentors, promotions, industry exposure, pros and cons of distribution, production and television gigs. She'll go over developing and pitching ideas to cable networks, and how to build a creative dream team to develop projects that you love. She will also discuss National Geographic programming, how she got her current position, her favorite shows and how to break into the system at NatGeo.

2. Classroom in the Wild, Extreme HD Alaska!

Larry Engel and Students, School of Communication, American University

Tuesday, November 11

We made it! Learn how twelve brave students faced survival instructor Brian Horner, Professor/filmmaker Larry Engel and the Alaskan wilderness for eight days and came back unscathed (relatively). Professor Engel will lead a presentation of the experience that will include video, photos, and several of the students themselves.

3. Salmon Versus Gold: Red Gold

Travis Rummel and Lauren Oakes

Tuesday, November 18

Cosponsored by the Turner Foundation

Join us for a screening of the award-winning film Red Gold documenting the proposed Pebble Mine in Alaska's Bristol Bay, followed by a discussion with the filmmakers about Alaska's choice between salmon and gold.

4. The Best of the Santa Barbara Ocean Film Festival

Michael Hanrahan and Justine Schmidt

Wednesday, November 19

Details to come!

For more information, contact Chris Palmer at 202-885-3408 or Justine Schmidt at 202-413-4490, or visit soc.american.edu/cef or environmentalfilm.org or filmmakersforconservation.org.

Wednesday, October 29, 2008: ALL DAY. Energy Policy Challenges: Is the Past Prologue?

Wednesday, October 29, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Resources for the Future, 1616P Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, First Floor Conference Center

Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m.

In the late 1970s, a series of studies was produced that surveyed America's energy situation, including the landmark book *Energy in America's Future* by scholars at Resources for the Future. Thirty years later, this symposium will provide a retrospective assessment of the 1970s experience in order to extract lessons for current policy. In what ways is the past a prologue? Which projections materialized and which policy concerns proved justified? Which did not? With what confidence or humility should this retrospective inform current visions of our energy future, given the emerging challenges of energy security and global climate change?

A distinguished group of academics and policymakers will draw on their extensive experience with U.S. energy policy to put the current energy landscape into historical perspective. Panelists include:

- * Professor John Deutch (MIT)
- * Robert Fri (former RFF President)
- * Professor William Hogan (Harvard University)
- * Milton Russell (Emeritus — University of Tennessee)
- * Phil Sharp (RFF President)

To R.S.V.P. for this event, please visit RFF's event registration page.

Thursday, October 30, 2008: For the Greener Good: A Green Apple

Thursday, October 30, 2008, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

National Building Museum, 401 F Street NW, between 4th and 5th Streets, across the street from the Judiciary Square Metro (Red Line).

To register visit: http://www.nbm.org/Events/Calendar/Lectures_Symposia.html

Many are surprised to hear that Manhattan is considered of the greenest locations in the United States based on density, reliance on mass transit, and a small carbon footprint. Listen panelists describe their visions of a green New York. Panelists include Charlotte Matthews, Vice President of Sustainability, The Related Companies; Janette Sadik-Khan, Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation; and Alex Washburn, Chief Urban Designer, New York City Department of City Planning. The program will be moderated by Susan Szenasy, Editor in Chief, Metropolis Magazine.

\$12 Member | FREE Student | \$20 Non-member

Prepaid registration required. Walk-in registration based on availability.

<http://www.nbm.org/programs-lectures/programs/october-2008/for-the-greener-good-a-green.html>

Due: October 31, 2008: 2009 UNITED NATIONS NATIONAL COMPETITIVE RECRUITMENT EXAMINATION

For U.S. citizens seeking junior professional posts.

EXAMINATION CRITERIA (all must be met)

1. Be no more than 32 years old as of December 31, 2009 (UN requirement).
2. Have at least an undergraduate degree (advanced degree is an advantage but is not required) in one of the following occupational fields or related areas:
Administration
Economics
Finance
Information Technology
Public Information
Social Affairs
Statistics
3. Be fluent in English and/or French, the two working languages of the Secretariat. Knowledge of additional official languages of the UN (Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Spanish) is a definite advantage.

NOTE: The exam may be limited to the 40 most qualified Americans per occupational group.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 31, 2008

Detailed information and application forms may be obtained at:

www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/examin/ncrepage.htm

Examination will be held on February 24, 2009, in New York City and San Francisco.

Travel expenses to and from exam site will NOT be paid by the UN or U.S. Government.

Wednesday, November 5, 2008: Happy Hour Seminar: What will be the role of Science and Technology in the New Administration?

Wednesday, November 5th — 6:00-8:00PM

The Front Page Restaurant, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA,

Located near Ballston Metro on the ground floor of the NSF building. Parking is available under the NSF building or at Ballston Common Mall.

Panel: Al Teich, AAAS; Michael Waring, University of Michigan; and Richard Van Atta, Science and Technology Policy Institute. Moderator: Dr. Chris Hill, GMU

5:00-9:00 p.m. Special 1/2 price burgers, \$2 Miller Lite Bottles & \$3 Corona Bottles in back dining room of Frontpage. 6:00-6:30 p.m. \$6 All-you-can-eat buffet, drinks available for purchase.

6:30-8:00 p.m. Short presentation, followed by Q&A

No science background required only interest! Free and open to the public
Register online here!

ABOUT THE TOPIC: During the next four years the new administration will be facing many important

issues including pollution of air and water, climate change, renewable energy research, global diseases and pandemics, bioethical issues such as stem cell research, how to use scientific innovation to stimulate economic growth, how to improve science education and how to maintain our science competitive edge. Now that the American people have decided who will be President, what role will science and technology play in policy decisions? How will this new administration interact with the science community? What can be expected in the way of new programs or funding proposals? These and other issues will be discussed by the distinguished panel.

ABOUT THE CONCEPT: Café Scientifique flourished first in the U.K. (see <http://www.cafescientifique.org>) as a way for the public and scientists to mingle and discuss science issues in an informal setting. At least 35 cafés now exist in the U.S.

ABOUT THIS CAFÉ: The Ballston Science and Technology Alliance, a nonprofit organization, is the sponsor of Café Scientifique Arlington. Since April 2006, the goal of Café Scientifique has been to make science more accessible and accountable by featuring speakers whose expertise span the sciences and who can talk in plain English. Café is generally held each month on the first Tuesday, at the Front Page in Arlington.

COMING NEXT MONTH: Brian Sloboda from NRECA speaking on “Energy Efficiency Programs and Technologies”, December 2.

For more information contact Kaye Breen, kbreen@arlingtonva.us or visit www.arlingtonvirginiausa.com/bsta

Wednesday, November 5, 2008: Network for Emerging Leaders in Sustainability at the National Academies

Wednesday, November 5, 2008
5:30 – 7:30 pm
Marian Koshland Science Museum
600 E Street NW Washington DC
Metro: Judiciary Square (Red Line) or Gallery Place (Yellow/Green Line)

The Network for Emerging Leaders in Sustainability (NELS)

The Network for Emerging Leaders in Sustainability (NELS) is a new organization for early-career professionals (and professionals who are new to the topic of sustainability) who are interested in building bridges with peers in DC-area agencies and organizations. The Network includes leaders with diverse backgrounds and expertise, from natural resource management to energy policy to public health. NELS members share a common interest in taking a multidisciplinary approach to sustainability challenges — considering the economic, environmental, social, and cultural dimensions of these problems. Through NELS, these emerging leaders will foster relationships that enable them to more effectively bring about a sustainable future.

Keynote Speaker:

John Carberry, Carberry Envirotech, Former Director of Environmental Technology, DuPont

Facilitated Discussion/Q&A: NELS members will have the opportunity to discuss how sustainability is being addressed in their organizations.

Reception

To attend this free event, please register at <http://sustainability.nationalacademies.org/NELS.shtml>. Network members are encouraged to offer ideas for future meetings, which are expected to be held monthly

NELS is supported by the National Academies' George and Cynthia Mitchell Endowment for Sustainability Science. For further information, please email Sustainability@nas.edu or call 202-334-2047.

November 8-9, 2008. All DAY! DC GREEN FESTIVAL,

<http://www.greenfestivals.org/washington-dc-2008/>

Saturday 10AM - 7PM

Sunday Nov. 11AM - 6PM

Washington D.C. Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW, Washington, DC 20001

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Tuesday, November 18, 2008: A New Climate of Change

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Monday, November 24, 2008: For the Greener Good: Wanted: Power; Location: Anywhere but Here
Monday, November 24, 2008, 6:30pm - 8:00 pm
National Building Museum, 401 F Street NW, between 4th and 5th Streets, across the street from the
Judiciary Square Metro (Red Line).

To register visit: http://www.nbm.org/Events/Calendar/Lectures_Symposia.html
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\$12 Member | FREE Student | \$20 Non-member

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